

**Amendments to the Claims:**

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A subassembly of a folding tool, comprising:
- (a) a first tool member having a base;
  - (b) a first frame side member having an integral first flange extending laterally from said first side member;
  - (c) an elongate first spring, separate from said side member and having a pair of longitudinally opposite free ends, said first spring resting against said first flange intermediate said ends; and
  - (d) a force-resisting member, wherein one end of said first spring rests against said force-resisting member, said other end of said first spring rests against said base of said first tool member, and said first spring is held between said first flange, said force-resisting member and said base.

2. (Original) A subassembly according to claim 1 wherein said first spring has a central portion resting against said first flange.

3. (Original) A subassembly according to claim 1 wherein said first spring has a back side and a front side, said back side resting against said first flange intermediate said ends, and said front side at said ends resting respectively against said force-resisting member and said base.

4. (Currently amended) A subassembly according to claim 1 wherein said first flange has an inner face adjacent said first side frame member and facing said first spring, said first spring resting against said inner face.

5. (Original) A subassembly according to claim 4 wherein said first spring has a central portion resting against said inner face.